Each year, National Public Works Week serves as a reminder of the value of Public Works in our communities. As part of this celebration, public works officials across America strive to increase public awareness and appreciation of their profession.

From the design, building, and maintenance of our public works infrastructure to promoting water quality and stewardship of the environment, public works is a substantial and vital part of our daily lives. The health, safety, and comfort of our residents depend upon the efficient delivery of quality public works services.

The mission of the County's Department of Public Works is "Enhancing our communities through responsive and effective Public Works services." That charge is demonstrated through the service-oriented resolve of our Public Works employees, from administrators and support staff to our crews in the field. We all owe a great debt of gratitude to the dedicated personnel who staff our Public Works Department.

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This year's national theme is "Public Works: Above, Below, and All Around You," which demonstrates the vast scope of services provided by Public Works agencies. In Los Angeles County, our Public Works Department played a key role alongside other first responders in protecting lives and property threatened by winter storms and the increased risk of flooding and debris flows caused by the aftermath of the devastating 2009 Station Fire.

During National Public Works Week, all citizens and civic organizations should acquaint themselves with the challenges involved in providing public works services and recognize the contributions that public works officials and employees make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the week of May 16 through May 22, 2010, be designated as NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK throughout the County of Los Angeles.

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